Jewish Leaders Ease Calls to Oust Brown

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A group of American Jewish leaders met privately with Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger yesterday and apparently decided not to press for the resignation of Gen. George S. Brown as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at this time.

Schlesinger met with 14 Jewish influence in the United in his Pentagon office late yesterday afternoon in the aftermath of remarks by Brown about excessive Israeli and Jewish infleunce in the United States. Many Jewish organizations and a number of congressmen had called for Brown's ouster as the nation's highest-ranking military offi-

Schlesinger extended the invitation for yesterday's meetcer.

ing to the Jewish leaders last weekend. By mutual agreement, the discussions were off the record and neither Schlesinger's office nor the Jewish representatives would comment for reporters except to say the meeting was helpful and worthwhile.

Dore Schary, the national honorary chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish service organization, said under questioning that the group had decided to "bide its time" with respect to Brown's future and "see what happens."

Asked if that meant it was the consensus of the groups repesented not to press for Brown's resignation at this time, Shary said, "That's a fair reading."

Brown, who was Schlesinger's personal choice to take over the chiarman's post last July, has apologized for his remarks and said they did not represent his true feeling. Schlesinger has called Brown's remarks regrettable and unfortunate. The general was also chided by President Ford in an unprecedented move. Mr. Ford, however, also made it clear that he would not remove Brown.